

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending April 8, 2001**. Farmers are busy planting row crops across the state. Temperatures have been above normal throughout the state. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 3 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2000	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	61	44	70	59	1	19	26	46	8
	Emerged	33	13	58	32					
Cotton	Planted	1	0	0	0	--	--	--	--	--
Rice	Planted	14	1	2	8	--	--	--	--	--
Sorghum	Planted	13	3	3	7	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Planted	24	8	1	3	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	6	--	--	--					
Watermelons	Planted	45	25	34	27	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Jointing	75	59	95	85	3	8	34	38	17
	Heading	8	1	48	24					
Blueberries						2	5	37	46	10
Cattle						2	12	33	45	8
Pasture						3	14	35	38	10

County Agent Comments

“Dry conditions have allowed growers to plant soybeans, corn, and rice. Cotton planting will begin on Monday. Soybean and corn crops look very good. Rice will need to be flushed if rain is not received this week.”

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

“Our corn crop has finally started growing in response to the warmer weather. Soybean planting is well under way. Soil temperatures are getting into the mid-60's by 8:00 a.m. Cotton planting is sure to begin soon if warm weather continues through next week. Some aphids are present on corn.”

— John C. Coccaro, Sharkey County

“Vegetation in fields to be planted to cotton have been burned-downed or are being burned-down. Newly planted corn is emerging and insects are moving to whatever is green and growing. Heavy infestations of aphids are currently approaching treatment levels in newly emerged corn.”

— Tim W. Pepper, Yazoo County

“Rye grass is doing extremely well. Most folks have more grass than their livestock can graze. It's hard to believe because we had no grazing during the winter. Not much field work has been done due to wet soils. Hay supplies just barely lasted the winter. Timber producers are worried about the flooding of Canadian lumber on the U. S. market. Beef producers are encouraged by higher prices.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest County

“Portions of the county received heavy rains with wind and hail mid-week. Low-lying areas are flooded as rivers, creeks and streams are swollen beyond their banks. A few days of dry, warm weather are needed to allow farmers the opportunity to get into their fields. Crops, particularly corn, will be late this year.”

— Victor Lee, Newton County

Weather Summary from April 2, 2001 to April 8, 2001 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	84	37	69			0.03		1	2.73				
Cleveland	83	48	72	59	+13	0.08	-1.21	2	2.26	75	48	67	0.12
Tunica	84	37	70	60	+10	0.06	-1.20	2	2.50	75	48	67	0.12
Extreme/Average													
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	78	47	65	57	+8	0.59	-0.65	3		69			0.14
Memphis	82	50	72	60	+12	0.04	-1.22	2	2.55				
Oxford	86	53	71	58	+13	3.65	+2.46	2	6.28				
Extreme/Average	86	47	69	59	+10	1.43	+0.17	2	4.42	69			0.14
3. Northeast													
Booneville	84	33	65	58	+7	1.16	-0.13	4	3.47				
Corinth	84	44	67	59	+8								
Iuka	83	33	63			0.89		2	4.24				
Pontotoc	83	48	66	59	+7	0.48	-0.85	3	3.61	64	51	59	0.18
Tupelo	82	50	68	60	+8	4.22	+2.96	2	7.19				
Verona	83	40	66			1.74		2	5.16	73	48	62	0.17
Extreme/Average	84	33	66	59	+7	1.70	+0.40	3	4.73	73	48	61	0.18
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	85	49	72	61	+11	0.11	-1.10	3	3.71				
Rolling Fork	88	45	71	62	+9	0.22	-0.98	1	4.30	89	57	74	0.17
Stoneville	88	46	71	61	+10	0.18	-0.96	2	3.35	80	49	67	0.20
Yazoo City	87	44	69	63	+6	0.11	-1.17	1	3.87				
Extreme/Average	88	44	71	62	+9	0.16	-1.09	2	3.81	89	49	71	0.17
5. Central													
Carthage	84	39	68	61	+7	2.73	+1.43	3	7.09				
Jackson	85	44	72	62	+10	0.17	-1.16	2	4.23				
Winona	85	35	66	58	+8	0.42	-0.89	2	4.08				
Extreme/Average	85	35	69	61	+8	1.11	-0.22	2	5.13				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						1.98	+0.52	1					
Columbus	82	41	66	61	+5	2.35	+0.88	3	7.37				
State University	86	40	68	61	+7	0.81	-0.59	4	5.65	76	51	63	0.16
Extreme/Average	86	40	67	61	+6	1.71	+0.31	3	6.51	76	51	63	0.16
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	86	47	70			0.00		0	3.37	83	50	70	
Natchez	84	46	71	65	+6	0.00	-1.34	0	3.55				
Oakley	87	46	72	62	+10	0.00	-1.27	0	4.56	85	55	72	
Vicksburg	86	44	72			0.03		1	4.49				
Extreme/Average	87	44	71	63	+8	0.01	-1.29	0	3.99	85	50	71	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	85	46	72	64	+8	0.00	-1.26	0	3.64				
McComb	85	46	73	63	+10	0.04	-1.29	1	3.48				
Extreme/Average	85	46	73	64	+9	0.02	-1.31	1	3.56				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.07		1					
Hattiesburg	86	45	71	64	+7	0.01	-1.16	1	4.98				
Laurel	85	42	68	63	+5	0.02	-1.17	1	5.86				
Meridian	84	36	70	62	+8	1.57	+0.19	3	4.92				
Newton	84	37	63	61	+2	1.40	+0.06	2	4.83	75	50	64	0.14
Extreme/Average	86	36	68	63	+5	0.75	-0.55	2	5.15	75	50	64	0.14
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	85	46	72			0.00		0	4.07				
Biloxi AFB	79	54	71			0.00		0	5.46				
Gulfport	78	51	71	66	+5	0.00	-1.12	0	7.57				
Pascagoula	84	43	71			0.03		2	6.37				
Poplarville	86	47	71	64	+7	0.00	-1.20	0	4.06	84	58	70	0.17
Extreme/Average	86	43	71	65	+6	0.01	-1.13	0	5.52	84	58	70	0.17
State	88	33	69	62	+7	0.73	-0.56	2	4.63	89	48	67	0.16

DFN = Departure from Normal.  
 "E" = Includes Estimated Daily Data.